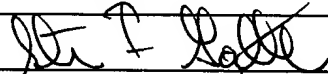
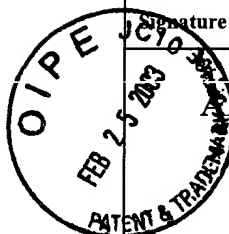


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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 20, 2003. Accordingly, a response is timely filed.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

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IN THE FIGURES

Please amend the legend the Figure marked "Figure 5B" to become "Figure 5C".

A substitute figure is filed with this response, with a "redline" marked up copy of the figure to show changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

✓ Please replace the title of the invention with the following rewritten title:

C1 --NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULE ENCODING A CLASP-7 MEMBRANE PROTEIN--